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A NEW SPIRIT IN TOWN

Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon christened the new "Spirit of Washington" cruise ship by breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow of the ship on Thursday, March 14. The ceremonies began at 11:30 am on the ship's dock at Pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, SW.

Joining the Mayor for the christening of the 600-passenger ship, which replaces the smaller 350-passenger vessel, were numerous city officials and business leaders, the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Cherry Blossom Princesses and last year's Cherry Blossom Queen.

"This is a very exciting day in the life of Spirit Cruises," says Company vice president, Chris Hendricks. "The fact that we are in a position to need a larger boat certainly attests to the activity level along the Capitol's waterfront, and to the success and popularity of our cruises. We are pleased to be able to increase the community's interest in our waterfront as other cities have successfully done." Hendricks feels that the public will enthusiastically embrace the Spirit of Washington.

An increased public demand for service moved Spirit Cruises to bring in a larger, more elegant ship. The Spirit, which will accommodate up to 600 people for daily lunch or dinner cruises, also features weekend Moonlight and brunch cruises. The ship features three climate-controlled decks with superior lighting and sound systems, and 120 large windows offering a glorious view of the sights along the Potomac. The ship offers many attractive features including a sweeping circular staircase leading from the second to the third deck through a large atrium area.

Ceremonies for the christening of the Spirit featured remarks by the Mayor, Spirit Cruise president, Bob Shaw, and representatives from the Washington Convention and Visitors Association, the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, the D.C. Committee to Promote Washington, the Board of Trade and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard presented colors and one of the Spirit performers sang the national anthem. Father Norman Haddad blessed the ship and the Cardoza H.S. Band performed.

A maiden voyage followed the official christening ceremonies. The Spirit of Washington was then escorted down the Potomac River by the Spirit of Mt. Vernon and D.C. Fireboat with its grand water display.

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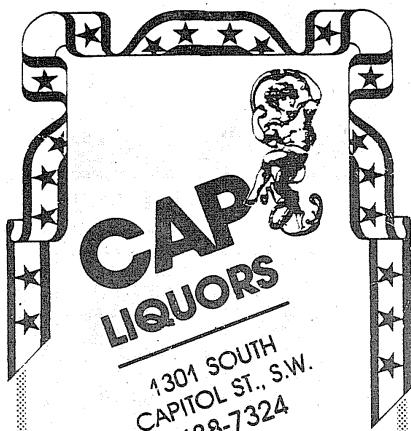
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Spirit of Washington Robert Shaw
toasts with Sharon Pratt Dixon



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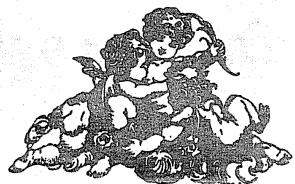
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YATF FUNDRAISER

Active planning is underway for the Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) Annual Fundraiser. The event will be held on Thursday, May 30, 1991, 5:00 pm at the Harbour Square Club Room, 520 N Street, SW. The theme for the event will be "Helping Our Young People to Grow." Greg Bargeman of the Southwest Library has consented to coordinating the entertainment for the evening. For additional info, please call Barbara Hurlbutt (484-8882) or Walter and Charlotte Brooks (554-4528).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AT S.W. LIBRARY

Application forms for grants to college students from the Southwest Scholarship Fund are available now at the S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, S.W.

Last year 24 deserving students received grants to use for college expenses. Over the last three years, 57 students have had their educational dreams assisted thanks to the generous S.W. community and business donations.

The Scholarship Committee is busy once again planning to help even more students who are expected to apply. Chairperson Francine Vinson again thanks everyone that has contributed and cooperated over the years. "Each year we receive more applications and more recipients. The response has been tremendous. Our only hope is that we can raise more money to help the needs of our kids. We love them very much and we try extremely hard to show it through our efforts."

SWNA Scholarship Fund Grants are open to any resident of near Southwest, D.C. (north of the Anacostia River in Zip Code 20024).

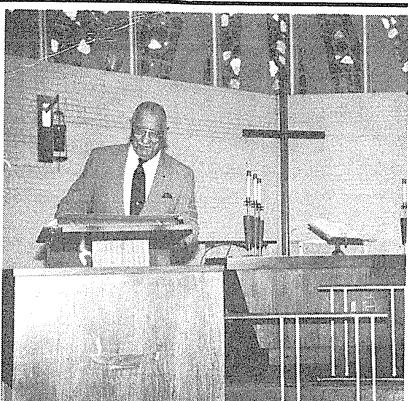
Scholarships are awarded to college-bound high school seniors and undergraduate students residing in the Southwest community who are attending or have been accepted for admission to an accredited college or university or other accredited post-secondary institution. Grants help defray the costs of books, lab fees, and other incidental costs.

Application deadline is May 15, 1991. Applications must be accompanied by an acceptance letter from the college or university the applicant expects to attend, or proof that he or she is currently enrolled. Letters of recommendation are also required.

Donations can be made by mail to: SWNA Southwest Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 70481, Washington, DC 20024. Checks should be made out to S.W. Community Council, Inc.

Funds are deposited to the tax-exempt S.W. Community Council and awarded to students during the summer. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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William Layton delivers keynote speech at SWNA Black History Program

SW ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETING April 5, 1991 7:30 St. Matthews Church

Newly elected officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Assembly and annual reports of all Task Forces will be given. Everyone in Southwest is invited.

The election is being held in the lobby of Safeway on Friday March 22nd and Saturday March 23. Lois Lester is chair of the election committee. The Nominating Committee of Ethel James Williams, Chair, and Charles Hargraves put together a wonderful list of nominees, many of whom are new to working in the Southwest. The slate of Board members nominees is:

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PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES

DAMON GORDON BRINGS S.W. TO THE SUMMIT

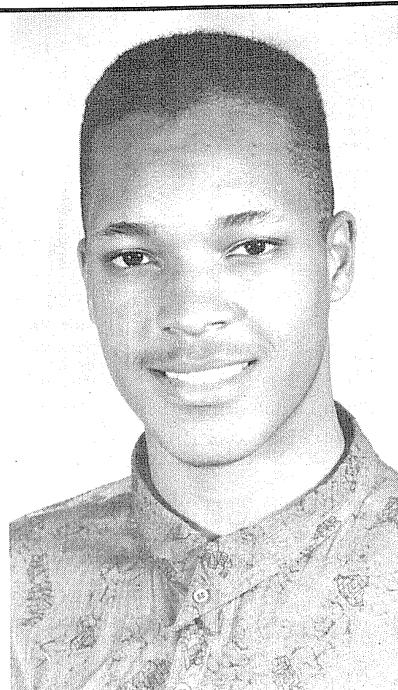
by Ramona D. Turner

Black Entertainment Television airs one of the most popular programs for teenagers today. The program, Teen Summit is aired on Saturdays from twelve to one in the afternoon and six to seven in the evening. Sixteen year old Damon Gordon of Southwest is a panelist on Teen Summit every week, which means that he has the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the topics of each show.

A sophomore at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Gordon got involved with Teen Summit through a friend. In order to become a panelist on Teen Summit, he had to compete against seventy-five students from Philadelphia, New York and the Washington area. Of the seventy-five students only ten were chosen. He has been a member of the panel since October 1990 and will continue until he graduates in 1993. Gordon says, "Being on the Teen Summit panel is wonderful. I have also learned a few technical terms that are used during the taping of the program such as breaks and voice-overs."

Gordon has had the opportunity to meet many well-informed people while being a panelist on Teen Summit. He thought one of the most intelligent shows was when he met The McDonalds Future Makers of Tomorrow. He has also met actress Kim Fields, actor Allen Payne from the Cosby Show and the group Perfect Gentlemen, just to name a few.

When not working with Teen Summit, Gordon spends most of his spare time at home with his mother Paulette and his ten year-old sister, Lakeisha. He also enjoys writing science fiction stories, drawing, cooking and playing a little basketball and tennis. He is also part of a theater group. In school, he is part of a workshop entitled the Prejudice Reduction Workshop which is designed to help students



Damond Gordon - Wilson H.S. 10th grader

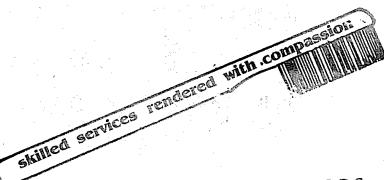
understand one another. Upon graduating, Gordon would like to attend Kennedy King College in Chicago, Illinois, and he aspires to be a TV news anchor. He says, with a smile on his face, that he would one day like to take the place of BET's News Anchor Ed Gordon.

Not letting peer pressure get the best of him is one way Gordon is able to handle his popularity. He is sometimes approached by students who have noticed him from Teen Summit but, Gordon says, he ignores and overlooks those students who sometimes have negative things to say. He says he does not want other students to think of him as a celebrity because he is not. He would like to be treated normally and wants other students to be themselves when they are around him, not treating him any differently because he is on Teen Summit.

Working with Teen Summit so far has been a great experience for him. Gordon states, "When I walk into BET and the Teen Summit studio, I can feel the love just burst out from everyone there." This is what makes him feel good about himself and what he does. It also makes him a very special teenager.

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Lenora Moragne, a resident of Southwest D.C. and Founding Editor and Publisher of the **BLACK CONGRESSIONAL MONITOR**, is delighted that her publication is going into its fifth year, as the 102nd Congress begins. Her monthly subscription newsletter reports on activities from the U.S. Congress as well as Federal Government departments, agencies, and programs. Among other news, each issue features: bills and resolutions introduced by the African-American Members of Congress; contracting and subcontracting opportunities for small businesses, including minority set-asides; human services, health and education grants available to individuals and organizations; public hearings on proposed legislation or on oversight of Government programs; public meetings, such as Government procurement conferences, technical assistance workshops, state Civil Rights Commission meetings or Martin Luther King Holiday Commission meetings. Dr. Moragne says that whether you are in business, government, education, community or voluntary services you will find the **BLACK CONGRESSIONAL MONITOR** interesting and helpful reading on a regular basis.

Johnson Publishing Company's **JET MAGAZINE** recently cited this monthly newsletter as "the most comprehensive listing of Black input on Capitol Hill." For your free copy, send requests to Len Mor Publications, P. O. Box 75035, Washington, DC 20013



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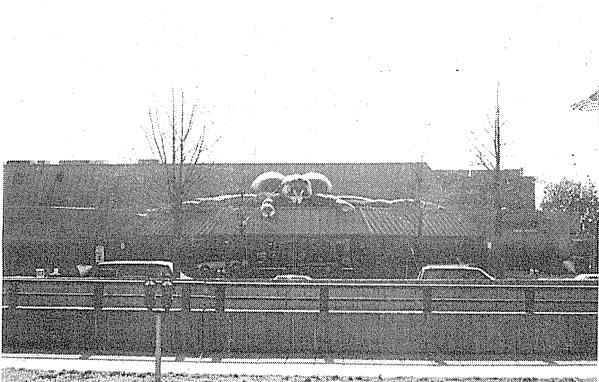
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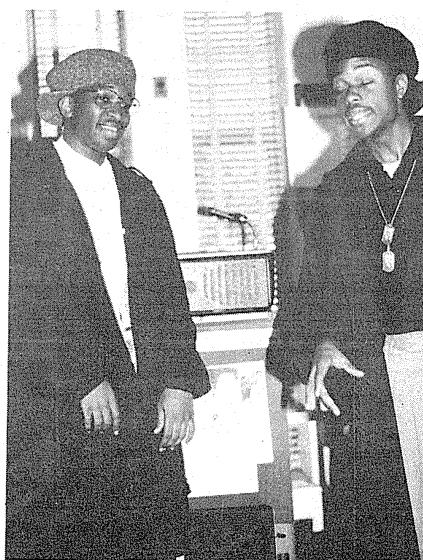
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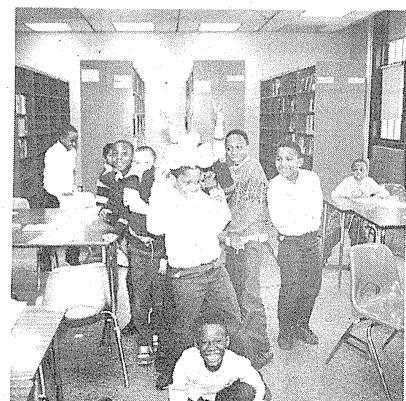
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NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE RELEASED

The National Cherry Blossom Committee has just released a guide to the week-long Cherry Blossom Festival occurring in Washington, DC, March 31 - April 7. The Cherry Blossom Festival originated as a way of commemorating friendship between Americans and the Japanese, donors of the thousands of cherry trees that beautify Federal parklands every spring. The festival has evolved into a week-long celebration, featuring music, parades, banquets, and fashion shows which attracts some half-million visitors annually. Highlights include:

Opening Ceremony/March 31 - celebrate the start of the festival with dignitaries and the lighting of a 300-year-old Japanese lantern. Tidal Basin. 4pm FREE

Welcoming Reception/April 1 - welcome the 55 Cherry Blossom Princesses along with the Washington business community. Freedom Plaza. Noon to 2 pm FREE

Luncheon & Fashion Show/April 2 - view the latest spring attire at this luncheon which includes a reception, entertainment, and door prizes. Grand Hyatt Hotel. 11:30 am. Tickets available.

Paddleboat Regatta/April 3 - race through a fun-filled maze of zany obstacles. Tidal Basin. 3 pm FREE

Cherry Blossom Princess Luncheon Cruise/April 4 - enjoy lunch and views of the Potomac aboard The Spirit of Washington.

Pier 4. \$25 per ticket. Call (202) 737-2599.

Grand Ball & Banquet/April 5 - dine and dance the night away, and witness the crowning of the Queen of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Grand Hyatt Hotel. Tickets available.



Staff at S.W. Health Clinic during teen mothers program



1990 Cherry Blossom Queens

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade/April 6 - be part of the largest spectator event in the Nation's capital. Constitution Ave., NW. Grandstand tickets, \$10. Call (202) 296-8675.

Cherry Blossom Finale/April 7 - stroll amidst music, demonstrations, and food during the festival finale. Pentagon City. Noon - 5 pm FREE

A complete listing of Cherry Blossom events may be obtained by calling the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The phone number is (202) 737-2599.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL COMES TO SOUTHWEST

The first annual Cherry Blossom Arts Festival will decorate the Southwest waterfront on Saturday and Sunday of Easter weekend (March 30-31) from noon to 6:00 pm.

A Salon, Limited, a cooperative of Washington-area artists, is presenting this festival in collaboration with Waterfront Washington Association (WWA), which represents the businesses along the waterfront and Arena Stage.

The artists' booths will be located in the small park located on both sides of the Channel Inn. Interested artists should contact A Salon at 202/882-0879 for entry information.

S.W. HEALTH CLINIC OFFERS CARE

S.W. Health Clinic meets the needs for many in our area. Providing health care services to all ages is just one way our community benefits from the dedicated staff.

Now the clinic has gone even further with a program that assists teens and expectant mothers. The program is in conjunction with Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and funded by the H. J. Heinz Foundation.

An opening presentation was held recently with guest Daria Davenport telling stories and showing slides to young mothers. The clinic also had sample ethnic foods from all sections of the city. The meetings are the last Tuesday in the month and are free. For further details, call the S.W. Health Clinic at 727-3611. The clinic is located at 850 Delaware Avenue, S.W.

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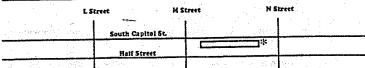
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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The prospect of a new Federal prison at South Capitol and I has understandably upset most residents of Southeast and Southwest. Americans are protective about what goes on in their backyard. Easy as it is to oppose projects like a prison, consider that the Federal officials have looked at a number of sites and limited their choices to three within the District. My own choice would be (a) next to the courthouse or (b) in a campus-like environment like Fort Belvoir. But consider that the unfortunate prisoners should be located near the region to which they will return, near their families if they are so lucky, and near treatment centers since something like half the 60,000 Federal prisoners are incarcerated for drug-related crimes. As far as prisoners escaping, just remember that the shortage of cells means that many convicted felons are turned loose on the streets anyway. Rehab is important, and quick and even-handed justice is needed for all concerned, but the real aim of our society will be to protect and encourage the sanctity and unity of the family. Some don't like the idea, but church-going can help. Education will help. A change in Welfare Policy will help. Meanwhile, however, we are faced with the problem of where to house the male and female wrongdoers. Locking the door and throwing away the key won't help. Let's keep our minds and hearts open.

Edgar T. Mead

Dear Editor:

I usually read the Southwester with much appreciation: it is the wonderful work of the many people devoted to making Southwest a better community. I was therefore dismayed at the February article on the negative aspects of development in Southwest, in which Bobbie Fisher refers to the "all-white entourage of [developers] ... Not a black among them! ... with bulging ... pockets of giveaway money ...". While probably accurate, her description is divisive.

Perhaps Ms. Fisher meant to state that, in the absence of a struggle by all residents of Southwest, black, white and "other", the old story of rich (mostly, but not only, white) exploiting the poor (mostly, but not only African American) is likely to be repeated. As written, however, Ms. Fisher's words are divisive, racist, and therefore offensive, and damaging to the cooperation we seek to develop in our integrated community.

Ms. Fisher, as am I, is entitled to express her opinions in a Letter to the Editor: they are clearly identified as ours. But in an article they appear to infer that her divisive sentiments reflect the editorial thinking of our community newspaper. Please publish clarification of your editorial policy on printing material damaging to racial harmony.

Judith S. Bellin

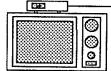
Dear Editor:

I have lived in Southwest for about twelve years and am very interested in the history of the area--and even more interested in the present and future. As a regular reader of The Southwester, I enthusiastically approve of the changes made in the paper in the last year or so.

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AN ABUNDANCE OF RICHES

by Marguerite Gilstrap

We are reminded how a commitment to the community yields rich returns in Dr. Marion Rosen's report as chair of River Park's ad hoc committee on neighborhood outreach. Dr. Rosen, whose column "Ask Marion" is a popular feature in THE SOUTHWESTER, is a psychologist and until retirement, a counselor in the District schools. Her personal beliefs and professional training have led her to believe that children misbehave out of a deep sense of discouragement.

Four years ago, when vandalism in the form of rocks, broken glass, and other debris were flung over the wall in the River Park swimming pool, Dr. Rosen and Dr. Eva Stewart, a member of the River Park board of directors, introduced themselves to children who lived in public housing, said they wanted to be friends, and if the children were interested would find tutors to help them with their school work. In 1989-90, there were 21 children meeting with 21 tutors.

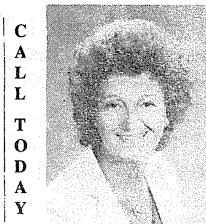
In her update on the tutoring program, Dr. Rosen notes an abundance of riches. The Bowen Elementary School has fallen heir to an outreach program sponsored by the United States Navy. Volunteers from the Navy come to the school and work with the teachers and children.

This is an especially happy turn of events for Dr. Rosen for in April she and her husband, Dr. Albert Rosen, will be leaving Southwest after 13 years. They are moving to Collington, the Episcopal life care community in Mitchellville, MD.

(Look for the return of our "ASK MARION" column next issue of The Southwester.)

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BLACK FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

by Jerry Blasenstein

The time was a crisp, bright February 23, 1991, and the place was the Southwest Branch Library. Family and friends, young and old, all races, gathered together to mark the first annual Black Family Day Celebration.

Timed to coincide with African American Heritage Month, the event was organized by Branch Chief Carolyn McCormick and made possible through the auspices of the Friends of the S.W. Library, headed by Ms. Dorothy Kettle. Ms. Rosemary Meehan, Children's Librarian, assumed the role of Mistress of Ceremonies.

Following opening remarks the audience sang the Black National Anthem, led by Ms. Willetta Carter. Ms. Carter, the Circulation Desk Supervisor at the S.W. Branch, also performed a stirring rendition of "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child."

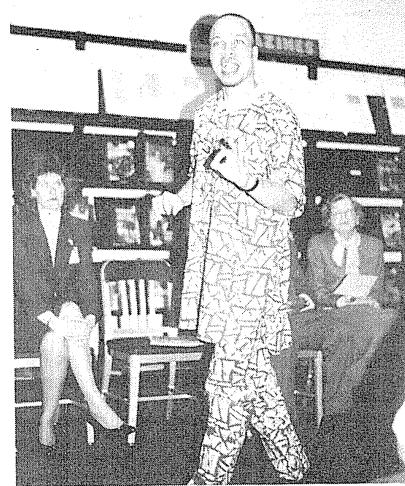
The keynote speaker for the afternoon was Rohulamin Quander, a D.C. native and Administrative Law Judge for the District of Columbia. Judge Quander did an extensive search of his family tree going back some 300 years using, among other items, documents from the National Archives. His findings, also published a la Alex Haley's "Roots," enabled the attendees to share in a wealth of history, as well as painted a portrait of Black roots and their effect on our lives today.



Willetta Carter delivers address at Library

Adult Librarian Gregory Bargeman, an accomplished actor, recited two works by African American poets. The works, and particularly Greg's delivery of them, touched on the emotions of what it means to be an African American. In a short time frame, the impact was directly felt.

The entertainment continued with a group of S.W. area youngsters collectively called "Delite," performing a fine routine choreographed by David Hughes. Finally,



Greg Bargeman acts during Family day

three exceptional skits were performed by a group of young men and women from Theodore Roosevelt High School in N.W. Aptly named "Teddy Ready for Prime Time Players" and adeptly led by Mr. Warren Davis, Assistant Principal at TR, the troupe presented meaningful message plays to the audience. They made a significant contribution to the event.

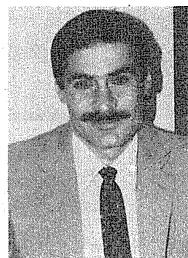
Following the program a reception was held. Attendees were able to exchange ideas and admire artworks placed around the library. These works, painted by local artist Beth Turpin, depicted scenes garnered from African American life and history. Her generosity in bringing them is unmatched.

It is a sure thing that the Black Family Day Celebration debuted on a positive note and will take off from this point. Congratulations are in order to all the participants.

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They went to the war as novices
But they got the big job done
Now they are experienced
warriors
And heroes everyone

As we wait for the parades to start
All parents, relatives, and friends
Have eyes filled with tears
Above lips spread in grins

Thank you Lord for keeping
them safe
Thank you for letting them win
Please let them be safe and
happy
And never know war again.

Margaret H. Oliver
@ March 1991

Stayed on Thee

Lord, still my mind
throughout the day;
Put all discordant
thoughts away.
Be in my heart
that I might be
At peace with self,
at peace with thee.

PASTOR'S CORNER

A YOUTH MINISTRY

by Reverend Dewayne Parker
Friendship Baptist Church

A youth ministry must address the entire person. This ministry must meet the physical needs, intellectual needs, social needs, emotional needs, and most importantly, the spiritual needs of young people. These are the five areas I would like to address in a youth ministry.

First, physical needs are essential in a youth ministry. There are many hungry, naked and homeless people in our city. They would benefit from a ministry where young people are actively involved in reaching out to help other young people less fortunate than themselves, in a physical scope.

Second, intellectually I envision a peer tutoring association among young people. For I have found that young people love to learn from each other. My five years of experience in teaching has taught me to lead students to the water, but never make them drink; teach them to fish but never feed them for then they will eat forever. Students learn best when challenged. Therefore, I envision from an intellectual point of view a tutorial program far beyond average.

Thirdly, this youth ministry that I see must focus on the recreational aspect of a person in a socialistic way. "No man is an island entirely of himself." Relationships are created in social outlets in many cases. Theaters, concerts, movies, dinners, birthday parties, bowling, softball, basketball, swimming, and many other activities will enhance social and recreational relationships among young people. I am convinced that a youth ministry must speak to the social needs of our youth today.

Next, a youth ministry must be prepared for the emotional roller coasters that many youth ride. This aspect of youth ministry is covered in counseling through big brother and big sister relationships. Also, rap sessions will bring about youth forums. The emotional strains that cause young people to drop out of school, engage in sex, drugs and crime can be addressed in the forums.

Finally, a youth ministry must be spiritually based. If the spiritual "man" is fed properly, the youth ministry becomes powerful. Spiritually, a youth ministry should present a biblical focus, whereby retreats, workshops and Bible study is essential. Also, prayer partners are encouraged in a youth ministry from a spiritual perspective. A youth ministry will be effective in an evangelistic way when young people pray, study God's word and allow Christ to be the center of their lives. In other words, a youth ministry must lift up Jesus in every aspect in meeting the needs of the whole person - physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

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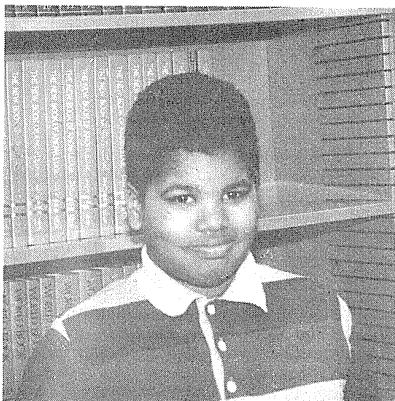
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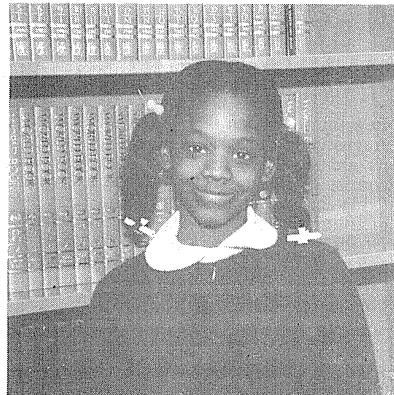
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SOUTHWESTER ALL ACADEMIC TEAM



Harold Crawley - Bowen E.S.
Grade 2



Carmelita Cooke - Bowen E.S.
Grade 2



Gilbert Wang - Amidon E.S.
Grade 4



Angela Terry - Amidon E.S.
Grade 4



Dwight Trice - Van Ness E.S.
Grade 6



Shaunice Williams - Van Ness E.S.
Grade 5

The Southwester is proud to present its first all academic team. These students have been selected by their schools for their scholastic achievements. Students will be profiled in this, as well as each upcoming issue of the Southwester. These students have been selected from SW schools as well as other area public schools where SW students are excelling. We are proud of their commitment and salute their achievements.

There are many SW kids who attend private and other public schools. We'd like to include them - but, we need your help. Anyone attending one of these schools, please have a school representative (teacher or principal) send some info about the student to **The Southwester**, POB 70131, Wash., DC 20024. Parents, please help in seeing that the schools get this information to the **Southwester**.

Following are some selected profiles of students who really seem to be on their way to success.

HAROLD CRAWLEY BOWEN E.S.

My homeroom teacher is Mrs. Jones. She teaches 2nd Grade. I have been on the Honor Roll for 4 semesters (2 years). Two of the main reasons for my success in school are that I study and I spend a lot of time reading. Things which I enjoy are working on math problems, playing Nintendo games and swimming. My family consists of my mother, my grandmothers, dad, grandfather, plenty of aunts, uncles and one cousin. My family helps me with my studying and I help by keeping my house clean. When I grow up I want to be a lawyer, because they make a lot of money. As a future famous Black American, I think that the students at Bowen E.S. should know to stay in school and work hard so that they can get a good job.

CARMELITA COOKE BOWEN E.S.

My homeroom teacher is also Mrs. Gibson. I am in the same grade as Harold. I have been on the honor roll for the last two years. My reasons for success are 1. I study hard. 2. I do my homework, and 3. I read a lot of books. Things which I enjoy are playing Nintendo games, dancing, cheering and drawing. I love to go to church, St. Vincent De Paul. In my family, there are 2 sisters and 2 brothers. My grandmother takes

care of me. Her name is Claudia King. She is a great person. My family helps me in every way. When I grow up, I want to be a minister. I want to teach people about God. As a future famous Black American, I think that the students at Bowen E.S. should know that they should study hard to be the best they can be.

GILBERT WANG AMIDON E.S.

My name is Gilbert Wang. I have a mother, father, and sister. I live in a condominium. I have a tight schedule. My mother is always worried.

Everyday my family is the same. We are busy all day long. On Saturdays I take a Johns Hopkins course here at Amidon. It's like school just that it is a math course and it is on Saturdays. My church is unlike any other. I have culture school after church. There I learn Chinese. It comes after children's choir. At children's choir we sing.

I have been at Amidon all my life. My sister has too. I like Amidon. I am in the fourth grade at Amidon.

ANGELA TERRY AMIDON E.S.

I was born on Friday, March 31st. At the age of two, I began to walk and talk. At the age of four, I started school at Margaret M. Amidon Elementary School in Pre-kindergarten. I am now in the fourth grade at Amidon.

I have seven brothers. Their names are Silas-Jr.-14, Stephan-14, Stacey-13, Sean-12, Samuel -8, Shannon-6, and Sherrod-6. My parents names are Alicia and Silas Terry, Sr. My house is big. It has 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a kitchen, a den, a living room, a dining room, a laundry, an attic, a library and a basement.

My hobbies are reading mysteries, collecting rocks, painting and watching t.v. I usually do my hobbies on the weekends when I have no homework.

A regular week for me consists of school, lunch, homework and then dinner. On Wednesday I have Student Advisory Council from 3:00 to 4:00. On Thursday I have piano lessons from 4:00 to 4:30. On Saturday morning it is clean up time. On Saturday afternoon it is playtime. On Sunday I go to church.

My future plans are to get married, have children, and get a nice house in Maryland. I also want to get a car, go to law school, get a job as a lawyer, or get a job as a computer scientist.

SHAUNICE WILLIAMS VAN NESS E.S.

My name is Shaunice Williams. I go to Van Ness Elementary School. I like to write stories, read books, and recite poetry. I also attend the TEAM Program.

DWIGHT TRICE VAN NESS E.S.

My name is Dwight Trice. I am a sixth grader at Van Ness Elementary School. I work very hard at school and at home. I have a baby sister. I like reading stories to her. I want to stay out-of-trouble. I want to be a licensed carpenter.



RON BRITT

COUNCIL WARD 2

March 18, 1991

'BRITT IS IT!!'

Hello Neighbor:

NO JAILS IN SOUTHEAST. I lend my full support to those of you who object to a prison or jail, or any combination type of use, at the proposed site in Southeast. When elected Ward 2 Council Member on April 30, I will bring all the forces of that office to bare in order to stop it.

My reputation for hard work, concern for all members of the community, quick response to neighborhood concerns and strong leadership became well known during my 10 years of civic work.

- President (Two Terms), Southwest Neighborhood Assembly
- Vice Chair, ANC 2D
- Chair, Southwest Youth Activities Task Force
- Board Of Directors, Southwest Community House
- Member, Waterfront Washington Association
- Member, Washington Federation Of Civic Associations
- Co-Founder & Interim Board Member, Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation
- Assisted in organizing "Ward 2 Democrats"

Your vote for Ron Britt will assure Ward 2 aggressive council leadership, immediate constituent response and strong fiscal responsibility.

As your Ward 2 Councilmember, I will continue to support services for senior citizens, youth programs, neighborhood police foot patrols, market-based skills training, full employment, tenant ownership, affordable housing and D.C. statehood.

VOTE RON BRITT , Tuesday, April 30th.

Sincerely,

Ron Britt

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SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR TENANT OWNERSHIP OF HOUSING

by
Dean Gerald S. Leighton

For more than 112 years Southeastern University has been involved in empowering citizens of the District and surrounding areas through the provision of educational services. February 23 - 25th, the University joined forces with the National Tenant Union (NTU). NTU has as its mission economic empowerment through resident ownership of assisted housing.

Monday morning, February 25th was the highlight of the meeting. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Honorable Jack Kemp visited Southeastern to address the conference. This movement has been endorsed by the Administration and legislation was passed in Congress last year to provide for a long term program of conversion of public housing units to tenant ownership. The NTU was invited by President W. Robert Higgins and Dean Leighton to hold their 1991 Legislative Action meeting at Southeastern University.

The meeting started on Saturday evening and the introductory speakers included the President of NTU, Ms. Bertha Gilkey. Also addressing the attendees at the opening session were Mr. Robert Woodson, Director of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise and Mr. David Caprara, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tenant Relations.

Another key participant in the conference was Washington's own dynamic leader in the field of tenant management and resident ownership, Ms. Kimi Gray. Ms. Gray has taken a public housing project in

Northeast DC, Kenilworth Parkside, through the management stages required and last year signed the contracts with HUD converting the development to a resident-owned cooperative.

Sunday was devoted to education and training. Preparing the attendees for their lobbying effort on Capitol Hill which were scheduled for Tuesday.

The program was extremely successful and Southeastern looks forward to a long relationship with the NTU.

SENIOR CITIZENS

A classroom refresher course of two four-hour periods is offered to help drivers age 50 or older improve their driving skills, prevent accidents, and maintain their independence longer.

Some insurance companies give discounts as high as 10% to drivers who have taken the course.

The course is called 55 ALIVE and is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

The D.C. contact is at 554-4523. Groups can set up the course, or individuals can join for \$8 for the two sessions. The next class will be held on April 3-4, 1991.

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SPRING CLASSES

Southeastern University's spring semester is going to begin on April 1st. Registration is going on now. Phone the Admission's office for more information. The number is 488-8162. SEU has evening, daytime and weekend classes for adults.

GREENLEAF SENIORS WELCOMED

Our new neighbors at 1200 Delaware Avenue were greeted to a "Welcome to the Seniors" at the Greenleaf Seniors housing complex.

The meeting room of the newly opened building was just the right setting for a delicious catered lunch, informal conversation and a welcome message from surprise guest, Effi Barry. She greeted everyone in a cheerful manner and pledged her continued support to help enrich the lives of our seniors and to develop Greenleaf into a model center.

The seniors spoke about their concerns and possible solutions to existing problems. They identified other services needed by senior citizens in Ward 2 and citywide. This friendly exchange was only a start. Already, plans are on the way to keep up the pace.

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ACTION PAYS OFF

Because of prompt action by our residents, Southwester will probably retain service down Delaware Ave. now provided by #70 bus. Alarmed by notices on the buses that our bus routes were scheduled for changes, six people from River Park Mutual Homes, representing themselves and the people of Southwest, attended an open hearing at the Metro Building to express their ideas. Several spoke at the hearing citing the needs of people who cannot walk very far, the increasing age of people in this district including the new residents from Greenleaf Senior Homes, and also fear of crime if they had to walk in from 4th Street. The proposed changes were coming at this time because of the opening of the Green Line Metro Train this year, which were assumed to change the needs for bus transportation. The Green Line going north is open by May this year and is expected to open going south to Anacostia by the end of the year.

People from Southwest, including River Parkers and residents of Greenleaf rallied. Metro received about 20 individual letters and a petition containing 187 names urging that the Delaware leg of the bus route be retained. A call to Metro today elicited the information that because of the "outpouring" of letters and petitions, the staff recommendations to Metro Board will be to retain the Delaware leg. The #70 bus will go down Delaware but then will turn left on P and the final end of the line will be Half and O. Passengers getting on at the corner of M and Delaware will be able to ride to the end of the line, wait there for the break, and then proceed up 4th St. as at present. This will make a little longer ride but for those unable to walk over to 4th St., they will still be able to ride the bus.

There will be other changes in the bus lines. Present bus #60 will be eliminated. Present A lines which come down Pennsylvania and south on 4th St. will now come down to M St. and then turn left to South Cap. This will not be convenient for many Southwestern residents who will have to transfer to get to Metro Center or, when coming home, to the 70 bus to get down below M St.

Metro Board meets in the middle of March and we will know the final results. It does seem that community action at least saved our Delaware line. All Southwest residents can thank all those who worked to get names, who wrote letters and who signed the petition.

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HOUSING

A long-time supporter of *tenants' rights*, Jack led the successful fight to save rent controlled buildings in Ward 2 neighborhoods. Jack is the only Ward 2 candidate to testify in support of the "Living Downtown" plan to require *affordable housing* in Ward 2's downtown. Endorsed by Tenant Organization Political Action Committee (TOPAC).

HUMAN RIGHTS

Jack has a long, proud record of supporting equal rights for Lesbians and Gays. Jack fought for greater police protection to prevent *hate crimes* in Ward 2 neighborhoods. Jack will fight to protect D.C.'s strong Human Rights Act from Congressional interference and will support its extension through *domestic partnership legislation*.

EDUCATION

Jack knows what quality public education means for children and for our city's future and will fight to make *funding for D.C. schools* a top budget priority. Jack will work with business and labor to develop *job training* and *continuing education* opportunities to help citizens realize their job potential.

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JACK EVANS

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NEIGHBORHOODS

As ANC Chairman, Jack led the fight for *reasonable development* by reversing large-scale commercial projects that threatened Ward 2 residential neighborhoods. Jack organized citizen forums on *crime and aggressive panhandling* which resulted in increased police protection. Jack will work for neighborhood police foot patrols throughout Ward 2 and to strengthen citizen efforts to reduce crime. Jack will ensure that our *neighborhood libraries* receive the funding they need.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Jack has raised funds to support programs that allow senior citizens on fixed incomes to maintain home ownership. Jack knows that senior citizens must have *increased police protection*, a more *responsive ambulance service*, more access to *affordable health care* and *security in their own homes*.

AND IN SOUTHWEST

Jack will oppose a *federal prison* anywhere in Ward 2. Jack will work to secure funds to *rehab public housing* and make it secure. Jack will work closely with SW residents to *solve drug, crime and youth employment problems*.



Jefferson choir display new choir robes



SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



Amidon E.S. students in Banking Program

THE BANKING PROGRAM

The banking program is a program to teach kids to save and spend money wisely. Ms. Conley is the teacher for this program and is the branch manager of the Southwest Branch of the American Security Bank.

During our meeting with Ms. Conley, we discussed interest and how to spend money without using money and she told stories on how to save our money. On our last meeting, we went to the bank. It was a fun way to learn! Soon after our visit to the bank, I opened a savings account at Ms. Conley's bank.

Nathan Wheeler
Grade 3
B. H. Kelley's
class



USA by Ms. Norman's class

AMIDON E.S. INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Throughout the Americas', Africa, Australia and Antarctica - All Around the World was held at Amidon. The long-time librarian, Ms. Marilyn Moser was assisted by the principal, Ms. Pauline Hamlette. Every child participated and explored cultures from other countries thru songs, dances, poems and dramas. Excerpts from the International Festival were also performed during Amidon's PTA. Some eighteen different countries were represented. Special thanks to the students, teachers, parents, staff and the Senegal Embassy.



German dance by Ms. Slade's class



Tracie Ransom - Amidon E.S., 6th grade
National Geography Bee finalist



Aaron Jackson, Rashard Fowler and Jonathan Taylor show & tell about Discovery Theatre

JIM ZAIS: Proven Leadership

**CHECK OUT JIM ZAIS'
PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

- Doctorate in public policy from the University of Illinois
- Professor of graduate and undergraduate courses
- Senior Research Associate at Urban Institute
- Author of several books on urban issues
- Eight years of service as DC Ombudsman for Ward 2

**CHECK OUT JIM ZAIS'
RECORD OF SERVICE TO WARD 2:**

- "He knows how government can be used to improve neighborhoods." (Georgetown)
- "Every time we needed something Jim was there" (Shaw)
- "Jim knows and loves Ward 2. We need someone like him". (Foggy Bottom)
- "I have been impressed to how devoted Jim is to open government." (Southwest)
- "The best thing I can say about anybody is that he was there when we needed him." (Navy Yard)
- "He knows how our neighborhoods differ yet what we have in common." (Dupont Circle)

**CHECK OUT JIM ZAIS'
PROPOSALS FOR SOUTHWEST**

- Home ownership for James Creek
- Renovation of 203 N Street SW
- Buzzard's Point Development which includes affordable housing and access to the waterfront
- Orderly transition to zoning as Urban Renewal status expires
- Reinstatement of neighborhood-oriented arts festival

**THEN CHECK JIM ZAIS
ON YOUR BALLOT TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH!**



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